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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to conform with the standard United States Patent Practice.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A grip using a gel substance capable of preserving its own shape is provided in a grip portion of a barrel of a writing implement. An outer coat for covering the grip portion of the barrel is provided. The gel substance is located between the outer coat and the barrel, and comes in direct contact with the barrel. A centering member for positioning the outer coat coaxially with the barrel is provided between the outer coat and the barrel. The centering member is provided with an opening for allowing a space between the outer coat and the barrel to communicate with the outside of the space. The gel substance is formed by injecting a sol substance, which is a raw material, through the opening and by crosslinking the sol substance under a predetermined condition.